REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 3, 5, 11-13, 19, 21, 23-25 prior to examination of the case to present the claims in better condition for examination.

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VERSION OF CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 3. (Amended) A container assembly as claimed in Claim 2 wherein said insert member has a housing which includes a lift tab extending from a side wall of said housing.

Claim 5. (Amended) A container assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said outer container cover is impermeable[and inner container cover is permeable].

Claim 11. (Amended) A container assembly as claimed in Claim [10] 6 wherein said insert member defines at least one recess which intersects said [trough shaped depression] groove.

Claim 12. (Amended) A container assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein both [of said] flanges of said outer container and said inner container have one end which extends outward further than the other portions of said flange to form a handle for the respective container.

Claim 13. (Amended) A container assembly as claimed in Claim 12 wherein at least one of said flanges forming a handle[s] has a grasping rib formed thereon.

Claim 19. (Amended) A container for storing sterile tissue forms comprising:

a blister container housing defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending around said cavity outward from said cavity, said housing comprising a first end wall, side walls connected to said first end wall and an angularly oriented planar second end wall section, all of said walls being integrally connected with a base to form an interior cavity adapted to hold an insert member,

an insert member sized to fit into said container cavity, said insert member comprising a housing defining a linear channel formed therein to hold a tissue implant form and having a tab member extending from one of it's walls[.]; and

a permeable cover sealed to the flange of the inner container covering said container cavity.

Claim 21. (Amended) A container as claimed in Claim [19] 20 wherein said angularly oriented

end walls [section is] are angled between 30 degrees and about 45 degrees.

Claim 23. (Amended) A container as claimed in Claim 22 wherein said housing defines at least one inclined channel[s] intersecting said stepped arcuate groove.

Claim 24. (Amended) A container as claimed in Claim 23 wherein said housing further defines recesses in each end wall which lead into said at least one inclined channel[s].

Claim 25. (Amended) A double sterile package container for storing sterile allograft tissue implant forms comprising:

an outer container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, a stepped recess formed in said flange surrounding said cavity;

an inner container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, said inner container flange being of a dimension to fit into said stepped recess of said outer container[,];

an insert member sized to fit into said inner container cavity, said insert member defining a linear depression therein to hold a tissue implant form;

a permeable cover sealed to the flange of the inner container covering said inner container cavity; and

an impermeable outer cover sealed to the flange of the outer container covering said outer container cavity.

CLEAN SET OF ALL PENDING CLAIMS

Claim 1. A container assembly for storing sterile allograft tissue implant forms in a sterile condition comprising:

an outer container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, a stepped recess formed in said flange surrounding said cavity;

an inner container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, said inner container flange being of a dimension to fit into said stepped recess of said outer container,

an insert member sized to fit into said inner container cavity, said insert member defining a shaped structure therein to hold a tissue implant form;

a permeable cover sealed to the flange of the inner container covering said inner container cavity; and

an outer cover sealed to the flange of the outer container covering said outer container cavity.

Claim 2. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein insert member comprises a housing defining notched recesses on opposing ends and a groove positioned between said notched recesses.

Claim 3. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 2 wherein said insert member has a housing which includes a lift tab extending from a side wall of said housing.

Claim 4. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said inner container cover includes a tab for grasping to remove the inner cover from the flange of said inner container.

Claim 5. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said outer container cover is impermeable.

Claim 6. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein insert member shaped structure is a groove.

Claim 7. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said insert member shaped structure is a semicircular groove with stepped end portions which act as a retainer to seat a cylindrical shaped tissue implant form.

Claim 8. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 7 wherein insert member housing defines recesses formed in end walls of said housing which intersect a groove positioned transverse said semicircular groove with stepped end portions.

Claim 9. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said insert member shaped structure is a groove with angled side walls.

Claim 10. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 9 wherein said angled side walls are of different widths

Claim 11. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said insert member defines at least one recess which intersects said groove.

Claim 12. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein both flanges of said outer container and said inner container have one end which extends outward further than the other portions of said flange to form a handle for the respective container.

Claim 13. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 12 wherein at least one of said flanges forming a handle has a grasping rib formed thereon.

Claim 14. A container assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said inner container has a housing defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, said housing comprising a front end wall, side walls connected to said front end wall and an angularly oriented

planar rear end wall, all of said walls being integrally connected with a base to form an interior cavity adapted to hold an insert member.

Claim 15. A package for storing sterile allograft tissue implant forms comprising:

an outer container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, a stepped recess formed in said flange surrounding said cavity;

an inner container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, said inner container flange being of a dimension to fit into said stepped recess of said outer container,

an insert member sized to fit into said inner container cavity, said insert member defining a shaped depression therein to hold a tissue implant form;

a permeable cover sealed to the flange of the inner container covering said inner container cavity; and

an outer cover sealed to the flange of the outer container covering said outer container cavity.

Claim 16. A package for storing sterile allograft tissue implant forms comprising:

an outer container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, a stepped recess formed in said flange surrounding said cavity;

an inner container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, said inner container flange being of a dimension to fit into said stepped recess of said outer container,

an insert member sized to fit into said inner container cavity, said insert member defining a groove therein to hold a tissue implant form and a second groove intersecting said first groove with a plurality of planar surfaces formed on the tissue implant form side of said insert member;

a permeable cover sealed to the flange of the inner container covering said inner container cavity; and

an outer cover sealed to the flange of the outer container covering said outer container cavity.

Claim 17. A container as claimed in claim 16 wherein said package container has a body with a rectangular configuration with planar end walls.

Claim 18. A container as claimed in claim 16 wherein said outer container has a laminated body with an inner layer of polytheylene terephthalateglycol and an outer layer of ACKLAR.

Claim 19. A container for storing sterile tissue forms comprising:

a blister container housing defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending around said cavity outward from said cavity, said housing comprising a first end wall, side walls connected to said first end wall and an angularly oriented planar second end wall section, all of said walls being integrally connected with a base to form an interior cavity adapted to hold an insert member,

an insert member sized to fit into said container cavity, said insert member comprising a housing defining a linear channel formed therein to hold a tissue implant form and having a tab member extending from one of it's walls; and

a permeable cover sealed to the flange of the inner container covering said container cavity.

Claim 20. A container as claimed in Claim 19 wherein said linear channel is formed by two angularly intersecting walls, one of said walls having a greater width than the other wall.

Claim 21. A container as claimed in Claim 20 wherein said angularly oriented end walls are angled between 30 degrees and about 45 degrees.

Claim 22. A container for storing sterile tissue forms comprising:

a blister container housing defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward

from said cavity, said housing comprising a front end wall, side walls connected to said front end wall and a rear end wall, all of said walls being integrally connected with a base to form an interior cavity adapted to hold an insert member,

said insert member being sized to fit into said container cavity, said insert member comprising a housing defining a stepped arcuate groove to hold a tissue implant form and having a tab member extending from a housing wall; and

a removable cover sealed to the flange of the inner container covering said container cavity.

Claim 23. A container as claimed in Claim 22 wherein said housing defines at least one inclined channel intersecting said stepped arcuate groove.

Claim 24. A container as claimed in Claim 23 wherein said housing further defines recesses in each end wall which lead into said at least one inclined channel.

Claim 25. A double sterile package container for storing sterile allograft tissue implant forms comprising:

an outer container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, a stepped recess formed in said flange surrounding said cavity;

an inner container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, said inner container flange being of a dimension to fit into said stepped recess of said outer container;

an insert member sized to fit into said inner container cavity, said insert member defining a linear depression therein to hold a tissue implant form;

a permeable cover sealed to the flange of the inner container covering said inner container cavity; and

an impermeable outer cover sealed to the flange of the outer container covering said outer container cavity.

Claim 26. A double sterile package container as claimed in Claim 25 wherein said insert member linear depression is a stepped arcuate groove adapted to hold a shaped implant form.

Claim 27. A double sterile package container as claimed in Claim 26 wherein said insert member housing defines a second arcuate groove which intersects said first stepped groove.

Claim 28. A double sterile package container as claimed in claim 25 wherein said insert member linear depression is a trough shaped depression.

Claim 29. A double sterile package container as claimed in claim 28 wherein said trough shaped depression is substantially V shaped.

Claim 30. A double sterile package container as claimed in claim 28 wherein said trough shaped depression is formed by intersecting angularly oriented side walls of different widths.

Claim 31. A sterile package for storing sterile allograft tissue implant forms comprising:

an insert container comprising a housing with integral walls and a base defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity, said housing being provided with at least one planar wall section which is angular to a plane of said base which can serve as a seat for said insert container;

an insert member sized to fit into said insert container cavity, said insert member comprising a housing defining a linear depression therein to hold a tissue implant form, said linear depression being formed by intersecting angular walls of said housing; and

a removable permeable cover sealed to said flange of the insert container covering said insert container cavity.

Claim 32. A sterile package for storing sterile allograft tissue implant forms comprising:

an insert container defining an open faced cavity and a flange extending outward from said cavity,

an insert member sized to fit into said inner container cavity, said insert member comprising a housing defining a curved groove with stepped ends forming shoulders to hold a tissue implant form, and at least one other groove intersecting at least a portion of said curved groove.; and

a removable cover sealed to the flange of the insert container covering said insert container cavity.